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**Washington, DC 20515-0512**

June 28, 2011

Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Chairman Bosco:

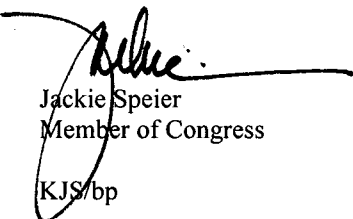
I am writing to respectfully support the application of the County of San Mateo for a grant of \$500,000 for purposes of providing visitor services in the parking areas serving the soon-to-be former Highway 1 alignment. These areas will be turned over to pedestrian and bicycle traffic once the tunnel at Devil's Slide is operational. The grant would be for purposes of constructing facilities that include ADA-compliant unisex toilets, information kiosks, signs related to park rules, and trash/recycling containers. Plans, permits, and specifications will also be created by the grant. These plans, permits and specifications will be for the purpose of constructing connecting trails between McNee Ranch and Highway 1.

As you are no doubt aware, the opening of the Devil's Slide Tunnel will likely prompt tens of thousands of new visitors to come to the San Mateo County coastline. Many will want to enjoy the newly-available walking and biking area that is the current roadway alignment. San Mateo County graciously offered to manage this responsibility as a condition of obtaining permits for the tunnel.

In the statement of the Conservancy's purpose on its website, it states that the Conservancy "helps people get to coast and bay shores by building trails and stairways and by acquiring land and easements." This is an instance in which an entire roadway with a panoramic view is suddenly going to be available for broad public use. Caltrans and the federal government have made the expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars that will allow this access. A few additional and relatively minor improvements will definitely help tens of thousands to "get to the coast." Thus, the Conservancy's grant would be matched and overmatched by other agencies, including the County of San Mateo itself which will assume a significant new responsibility.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant request. I hope that you and other members of the Coastal Conservancy will be in attendance when the road is opened to bicycle and pedestrian traffic. Coastal access is a fundamental right of all Californians. A Conservancy grant will help San Mateo County turn a longtime dream into a new reality.

All the best,

  
Jackie Speier  
Member of Congress

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June 15, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

### RE: DEVIL'S SLIDE COASTAL TRAIL PROJECT

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to you in support of the San Mateo County Parks' Department application for grant funding for the Devil's Slide Coastal Trail Project.

The Devil's Slide Coastal Trail Project is an excellent partnership opportunity and worthy of California State Coastal Conservancy support. A grant of \$500,000 to San Mateo County will provide important public access support facilities at the future Devil's Slide Coastal Trail parking areas and for the preparation of plans, specifications, and environmental review and permit documents for the new approximately one-mile Green Valley Trail.

This proposed Green Valley Trail will connect Devil's Slide to inland recreational facilities at McNee Ranch State Park to the shoreline at Gray Whale Cove State Beach as well as to the National Park Service lands of Rancho Corral de Tierra.

The Devil's Slide Coastal Trail Project will support an estimated 200,000 visitors per year from throughout the greater Bay Area who visit the nearby beaches and trails in the northern San Mateo County area.

The Devils Slide area will be used as a commute and recreation corridor as well as for nature study and appreciation of the views in the Pacific Ocean and inland coastal range.

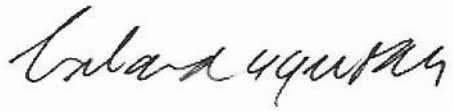
I thank you for your attention to this matter. If I or my office may be of any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my District Director, David Burruto, at (650) 340-8840.

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COASTAL CONSERVANCY  
OAKLAND, CALIF.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leland Y. Yee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Leland" being more prominent than the last name "Yee".

**LELAND Y. YEE, Ph.D.**

Senator

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June 6, 2011

Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: **DEVIL'S SLIDE COASTAL TRAIL PROJECT**

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I write in enthusiastic support of the San Mateo County Department of Public Works' \$500,000 grant application for the design, environmental review and permits of the proposed Green Valley Coastal Trail and purchase and installation of public access amenities for the two future Devil's Slide Coastal Trail parking areas. This project supports the County's commitment to provide recreation and visitor amenities in the Devils Slide area in cooperation with the California Coastal Conservancy, California Department of Transportation, California State Parks and the City of Pacifica.

More than 200,000 people are expected visit the Devil's Slide area each year to enjoy nearby state parks and beaches as well as the future Rancho Corral de Tierra property in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. These visitors will need the safe, accessible and low impact recreational opportunities that will be provided by this project.

The Devil's Slide Coastal Trail Project will greatly enhance visitor access to the future Devil's Slide and Green Valley sections of California Coastal Trail.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jerry Hill', is written over a blue ink stamp. The stamp is rectangular and contains the text 'JERRY HILL' in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by 'ASSEMBLYMEMBER, 19th District' in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font. The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name 'Jerry' being more prominent.

Jerry Hill  
Assemblymember, 19<sup>th</sup> District



Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

24 May 2011

Dear Chairman Bosco,

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council (Council) heartily endorses San Mateo County Parks Division's request for a grant to fund the Devils Slide Trail (aka Coastal Trail) Access Improvements. This project, part of one of the most visible and important trail developments along the entire California coast, will vastly improve public access to what will be one of the jewels in the Coastal Trail crown.

Once the Devils Slide Tunnel opens and the old Highway 1 alignment is closed to vehicles, the public will clamor for access to the abandoned roadway. San Mateo County Parks, the agency responsible for long term management of recreational access on the old roadway, will need all the support it can muster to make the Coastal Trail and its connectors viable and sustainable. Coastal Conservancy financial support is vital to assuring the Parks Department is successful.

As the County Parks Division, State Parks Department and National Park Service firm up their trail plans on the Peninsula, we at the Council look forward to establishing new connections between the Ridge Trail and the Coastal Trail in the vicinity of the Devils Slide Trail. Thus we are very eager to see this trail completed.

Thank you for your support of this important project.

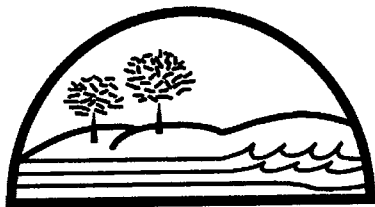
Regards,

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Bern Smith  
East Bay, South Bay & Peninsula Trail Director







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- Coyote Point Marina
- Coyote Point Recreation Area
- Crystal Springs Regional Trail
- Edgewood Park & Preserve
- Fitzgerald Marine Reserve
- Flood Park
- Heritage Grove
- Huddart Park
- Junipero Serra Park
- Memorial Park
- Mirada Surf
- Pescadero Creek Park
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- San Bruno Mountain Park
- Sanchez Adobe
- San Pedro Valley Park
- Sawyer Camp Trail
- Woodside Store
- Wunderlich Park

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May 23, 2011

Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Devils Slide Tunnel Access Improvement Project

Dear Mr. Bosco,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Parks Foundation, an organization of 3,000 park supporters, I am writing to support Coastal Conservancy funding for San Mateo County Parks' Devils Slide Tunnel Access Improvement Project.

Completion of these improvements is a step towards reaching the long term vision of a multi-use Coastal Access Trail on this proposed beautiful section of the California Coast.

These visitor serving amenities will provide safe access for visitors from the San Francisco Bay Area, California, other US States and world travelers to this section of the California Coastal Trail.

We are lucky to live on the California coast but we know it is not ours alone to enjoy. It is a national and international treasure. Conservancy funding for this treasure will help the efforts to protect it so that we may continue to share it with those who visit from other states and countries.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Julia Bott  
Executive Director